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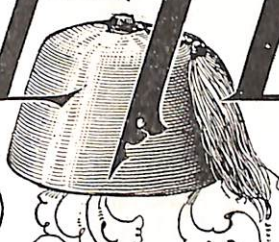

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WHAT THE WOMEN THINK OF US.

BY MRS. L. T. WELD, OF NEVADA, IA.

(This poem was given by the author, at the banquet at Marshalltown, Oct. 15).

We talk of our North and our East and our West,
Of our South and its sunny plantations;
Then boast of our freedom, our learning, our wealth,
And declare we're the happiest of nations.
Then with infinite pride we turn to our state,—
To our Iowa, true to her station;
And justly we claim that in all this fair land,
She's the fairest and happiest creation.

We count her broad acres, her groves and her streams,
And her valleys with plenty o'erflowing,
Her cities and towns, which in number and size
And in richness are constantly growing.
Then boast of our schools—their number and worth,
Our churches toward heaven aspiring,
Our courage and charity, wisdom and truth,
We can always recite without tiring.

And ever we bear in the train of our thoughts
Those of kindness and just admiration
For all our fraternities, noble and good,
Since they work for man's true elevation.
The Square and the Compass, the Keystone and Arch,
All the train of capitular glory,
And the Star of the East, though feeble its light—
All make love the grand theme of their story.

But of all that we boast in this land of the free,
In this land that we prize for its beauty,
Our own loved companions, sires, brothers and sons,
These, oh these, claim our pride and our duty.
The hope of our country, the guard of our homes,
And the well of our heart's deep emotion,
God bless them and keep them, wherever they go,
Is the sisters' most earnest devotion."

GRAND CHAPTER.

The usual school of Instruction preceded the regular convocation of this Grand Royal Arch Body.

Of the three custodians, Companion A. L. Lawrence was the only one present, and he was present as a host in himself. The program, as sent out, was carried to a finish and the work done as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The place was in the fine halls of the Masonic Temple, well ventilated and centrally located.

Wednesday evening was spent in resting and conversation.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form at 10 a. m. The Grand Officers (except G. C. H. and G. R. A. C.) were in their places on time.

Comp. J. W. Wells, of Signet Chapter, No. 38, of Marshalltown, delivered a neat address of welcome to which the Grand High Priest replied in the highest and finest taste.

P. G. H. P. Alverson offered a resolution inviting all companions in good standing in the city, to seats in the Grand Chapter.

THE ADDRESS

Of the Grand High Priest was read. One Past Grand King of Iowa, Nelson Rogers, and fourteen Past Grand and Grand Officers of sister jurisdictions have died during the past year.

NEW CHAPTERS, U. D.

Three dispensations for new chapters were issued, March 12, 1896, Corydon; July 9, 1896, Albia; Sept. 11, 1896, Ames.

INSTITUTIONS.

The three new chapters, Algabil, 121, Creston; Ashlar, 122, Mt. Vernon, and Eagle Grove, 123, Eagle Grove, chartered last year were all duly constituted by the G. H. P. in person.

RITUAL.

The address recommends that the plates (Hindoo) now in the hands of the Grand

Secretary be used to print a sufficient number for the necessities of the case.

POWER TO APPROVE BY-LAWS.

The address favors the empowering of the Grand High Priest to approve the by-laws of chapters, between the meetings of the Grand Chapter, by adding to Sec. 177 of the law the words "Or the Grand High Priest." The address was throughout, a chaste, sensible and appropriately brief paper.

OTHER REPORTS

The Grand Treasurer read his report: Total receipts, including cash on hand, $11,783.70; total expenditures, $15,135.91; on hand I. L. & T. Co's. bonds, $4,000.00; on hand, C. W. Burdick loan, $1,000.00; Cash on hand, 1,647.79.

The present membership (end of '95) of the Order in Iowa 7,186, a net increase of 140.

From the Grand Secretary's report we gather the information that P. G. H. P. Pitkin, C. Wright, (1867-8) had passed away Sept. 15, 1896, at Somerville, Tenn.

The venerable First Past Grand High Priest, T. S. Parvin, (1854) gave us his benediction and gave as the reason of his inability to rise from his seat, the late accident he met with in the collapse of the review stand at Burlington Oct. 1, 1896.

The committees were announced.

P. G. H. P. Cleveland offered a motion to repeal section 101, chapter 11, so as to permit a demitted Royal Arch Mason, resident in Iowa, to apply for membership in any chapter in the state.

The report on correspondence was presented and distributed.

Comp. J. M. Ferris, moved to make the time for fixing the time and place of next meeting at 3 p. m. today.

Called off until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON, THURSDAY.

A petition for a chapter U. D. at Adair was presented and was referred to the committee on chapters under dispensations.

COMMITTEE ON GRAND OFFICERS' ADDRESS

reported. Among the items noted were Memorial Pages for the dead. Various parts were referred and other parts were highly complimented, and the whole was approved. Report adopted.

The question of the council degrees, in their relation to the chapters was brought up by the presentation of a memorial asking that the councils be separated from the chapter and the same be separately organized in Iowa. Comp. Dr. R. C. Hoffman of Oskaloosa, presented the plea in the name of Hiram chapter. It was referred to a special commitee to report the first thing to-morrow morning.

The question of the claim of the chapter at Maquoketa against the chapter at Monticello, was referred to a committee to reinvestigate, with the hope that an amicable adjustment may be reached.

Committee on Cryptic work, N. B. Hyott, R. C. Hoffman and L. H. Wallace.

From the report of the committee on returns of chartered chapters we glean that two chapters report no unpaid dues. The other 113 chapters which report on this matter show a total in unpaid dues of $11,195.69. One chapter shows unpaid dues outstanding of almost eight dollars per-capita.

The fixing of the time and place of the next Grand Convocation was the order at 3 p. m. The invitation of the trustees of Templar Park was presented through Judge Dewey to meet at Templar Park July 21, 1897. On vote it was almost unanimously accepted.

The election of officers was made the order at 3:30 p. m.

The committee on appeals and grievances. The only case was a complaint of the chapter at Kingsley against the chapter at Cherokee and it was dismissed.

The election of officers was taken up and H. C. Shadbolt, C. E. Cockerell and L. H. Wallace were appointed tellers.

GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand High Priest, Max. Beehler, of Manchester; Deputy Grand High Priest, W. D. Irvine, of Sioux City; Grand King, W. F. Cleveland, of Harlan; Grand Scribe, B. F. Parker, of Dubuque; Grand Treasurer, R. F. B. Portman, of Decorah; Grand Secretary, Alf. Wingate, of Des Moines.

The committee on chartered chapters reported favorable to the approval of the by-laws submitted from chapters 1 and 3.

W. H. Hart of Sac City, was elected to the Board of Custodians, vice R. A. Whitaker, whose time had expired, for a term of six years.

Called off till 10 a. m. Friday.

THE BANQUET.

Signet Chapter No. 38, R. A. M., of Marshalltown, served a banquet at the Tremont at which the Grand Chapter and the visiting ladies were present. The post prendial features were:

To present the Sentiments, John W. Wells.

I.

"The Book of the Law," F. W. Parsons, Marshalltown. A most beautiful tribute to the Bible.

II.

"The River Route and the Desert Route" —John Westley Geiger.

III.

"The Blue and the Red."—Hon. A. R. Dewey.

IV.

"What the Women think of Us."—Mrs. L T. Weld. The gem of the feast.

V.

"The Crusaders—Plain Fare, Rough Habit, Course Diet."—E. Sir T. R. Ercanbrack.

VI.

"The Three Weary Travelers."—Hon. W. F. Cleaveland. A tailor, a doctor and an undertaker.

VII.

"The Retired List."—F. W. Craig.

This ended the very pleasant affair of the evening.

One exceedingly well chosen addition to the program was a select local quartette composed of Miss Leora Krabtree, Nora Shorthill, Messrs. Chester Durrelle and F. Aubensmith, they rendered several fine selections, each of which was heartily encored.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Labor was resumed at 10 a. m.

The committee on jurisprudence reported:

The amendment proposed from Davenport was opposed.

The change proposed by the Grand High Priest in his address was favored.

Another change to require candidates for affilliation to be affilliated Master Masons in good standing.

Petition for membership in any chapter in Iowa, was favored, it being applicable to the matter of demitted Masons joining chapters.

A number of restorations were favored.

The report was adopted.

The trustees of the Grand Charity reported. The present condition of the funds is as follows:

Loans	$7,000.00
Interest	315.00
Cash on hand	1,552.10
Total	$8,867.10

The loan to the Grand Commandery of Iowa of $7,000, is secured and protected by insurance on the property at the Park, to the amount of $9,000, which policy is in the hands of our treasurer.

The committee on the Cryptic degrees reported and the report was referred to the committee on jurisprudence to report next year.

The resolution to invite the General Grand Council to grant dispensations for local councils in Iowa, was referred to the same committee and under the same instructions.

The committee on chapters, U. D.. reported. Corydan, Albia were recommended for charters; Ames for a dispensation, Adair was granted the like favor.

The committee on mileage and per diem reported.

Total mileage	$ 658.32
Per diem	550.00
Off pay roll	454.51
Total	$1,662.83

The committee on finance reported approving the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. They found that part of the Charity fund apportionment had not yet all been paid over, they therefore recommended an order to pay it over.

Total appropriations:

	$4,017.04
Committee on correspondence...	100.00
	$4,117.04

One hundred dollars were placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest for the furtherance of the school plans of next year.

The committee on visitors reported no strangers passing this way.

The report of the committee on credentials was finally approved.

Called off.

AFTERNOON.

Grand Chapter called on at 2 p. m.

The item of the order for the printing of the proceedings was passed and added to the report of the committee on finance.

P. G. H. P., T. R. Ercanbrack submitted a resolution of thanks to Signet Chapter for the banquet, for music, etc., etc. Adopted, rising.

Companion J. W. Wells responded.

The Grand High Priest uttered his thanks for the courtesies of the year, and the years of his service with this grand body.

The Grand High Priest announced his appointments:

John Westley Geiger, grand chaplain, Marion; N. B. Hyatt, grand captain of the host, Webster City; L. H. Wallace, grand principal sojourner, Washington; Lafayette M. Mathews, grand royal arch captain, Greeley; I. P. Wilson, grand master of the third vail, Burlington; W. F. Laraway, grand master of the second vail, Glenwood; W. M. Franz, grand master of the first vail, Le Mars; Theodore Schreiner, grand guard, Mt. Pleasant.

INSTALLATION.

Past Grand High Priests F. W. Craig acting as installing officer and T. R. Ercanbrack as Marshall, the grand officers were installed.

The Grand High Priest and others of grand officers responded to the calls for remarks, in a fitting manner.

Past Grand High Priest C. H. Cogswell was appointed a trustee of the Charity fund and T. R. Ercanbrack as correspondent.

The roll of representatives was called and a number reported present.

The Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

WELL DONE.

Marshalltown may set down another well earned success to their credit. In the list of Masonic entertainers they stand high.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

"*The Eastern Star Record*," of Minneapolis. Minn., is the latest candidate for favor in the field of Masonic journalism. It is edited by Mary C. Taylor and Martha D. Ross, both P. G. M's. and both evidently able for the work before them. We bid the *Record* welcome to our table and exchange list.

Over $1,000,000 worth of exhibits and goods were displayed at the Masonic fair in Detroit.

The Free Masons of Northampton, Mass., will erect a three-story temple, 120 by 100 feet ground space, at a cost of about $55,000.

GRAND MASTERS OF IOWA.

The Grand Secretary has, since 1858, published portraits and sketches, Masonic and personal, of the Grand Masters in the Annals, as he styles the proceedings, of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and in 1873 presented in quite a volume of the preceding years not before published. As these Annals of fifty years, collected in thirteen large bound volumes, 1844-94, are not accessible to a majority of the brethren—few of the lodges having been wise enough to preserve these records—we have, at considerable pains, collated from the several sketches through these volumes, some items of general interest concerning those who have been called to rule and govern the Craft in Iowa, and present the result of our labors to the readers of the *Iowa Freemason*.

The residence, when elected, the number of lodge and year elected is given. The present residence is enclosed in parenthesis.

Name.	Residence.	Lodge.	Yr.
Oliver Cock	Burlington	1	1844
Geo. W. McCleary	Wapello	5	1846
Ansel Humphreys	Muscatine	2	1847
Willian D. McCord	Burlington	1	1850
T. S. Parvin	Muscatine	2	1852
	(Cedar Rapids)		
Ansel Humphreys	Muscatine	2	1853
James L. Hogin	Sigourney	32	1854
Aylett R. Cotton	DeWitt	34	1855
	(San Francisco)		
John F. Sanford	Keokuk	29	1856
James R. Hartsock	Iowa City	4	1858
T. H. Benton, Jr	CouncilBluffs	71	1860
	(Marshalltown)		
Edward A. Guilbert	Dubuque	3	1863
C. K. Peck	Keokuk	29	1856
Reuben Mickel	Montezuma	52	1867
	(Seattle)		
John Scott	Nevada	99	1869
Ozias P. Waters	Muscatine	30	1871
	(Burlington)		
Joseph Chapman	Dubuque	125	1873
	(Painsville)		
Henry W. Rothert	Keokuk	12	1875
	(Council Bluffs)		
Zephaniah C. Luse	Iowa City	4	1877
J. W. Wilson	Newton	59	1878
Albert C. Abbott	Marshallt'n	108	1879
	(Chicago)		
John N. McClenahan	Chariton	63	1880
G. B. Van Saun	Cedar Falls	65	1881
C. T. Granger	Waukon	154	1884
William P. Allen	Dubuque	49	1886
E. C. Blackmar	Burlington	318	1887
James DeKalb Gamble	Knoxville	61	1889
Ralph G. Phelps	Atlantic	271	1891
Liberty E. Fellows	Lansing	144	1893
Geo. W. Ball	Iowa City		1895

BORN IN THE STATE.

Ball—(1847).

NATIVITY.

Massachusetts—Cotton, (1826); Abbott, (1836).

Connecticut—Humphreys, (1892); Fellows, (1834); Blackmar, (1835).

New York—Cock, (1808); Guilbert, (1826); Peck, (1831); Mickel, (1828); Waters, (1830); Granger, (1835).

New Jersey—Parvin, Van Saun

Pennsylvania—Hartsock, (1818); Chapman, (1831); Luse, (1826); Wilson, (1834).

Delaware—Hogin, (1801).

Kentucky—McCord. (1811) Allen, (1824).

Ohio—McCleary, (1807); Sanford, (1823); Scott, (1824); Rothert, (1840); McClenahan, (1833); Gamble, (1836).

Illinois—Phelps, (1846).

Tennessee—Benton, (1816).

REMOVED TO IOWA.

1838—Parvin, Hartsock.
1839—Cock, McCleary, Humphreys, Benton.
1840—McCord.
1841—Sanford.
1844—Cotton, Allen.
1849—Waters, Gamble.
1850—Hogin.
1853—Blackmar.
1854—McClenahan.
1855—Peck, Mickel, Luse.
1856—Guilbert, Scott, Chapman, Abbott.
1857—Van Saun, Fellows.
1858—Rothert, Wilson.
1860—Granger.
1868—Phelps. (29).

Ranging from 1838 to 1868.

MASONS BEFORE COMING TO IOWA.

McCleary, 1835; Humphreys, 1838; McCord, 1834; Parvin, 1838; Hogin, 1842; Guilbert, 1851; Mickel, 1850; Scott, 1849; Chapman, 1856; Granger, 1860. (10).

INITIATED IN IOWA.

Cock, 1841; Cotton, 1851; Sanford, 1849; Hartsock, 1840; Benton, 1849; Peck, 1856; Waters, 1853; Rothert, 1858; Luse, 1858; Wilson, 1859; Abbott, 1856; McClenahan, 1854; Gamble, 1860; Phelps, 1874; Fellows, 1865; Ball, 1875. (19).

PROFESSION AND OCCUPATION.

Lawyers—Parvin, Cotton, Mickel, Scott, Luse, Wilson, McClenahan, Granger, Gamble, Phelps, Fellows, Ball. (12).

Doctors of Law—Parvin. (1).

Doctors of Medicine—Sanford, Guilbert. (2).

Professors—Parvin, Sanford, Guilbert. (3).

Judges—Parvin, County Court; Granger, Supreme Court; Fellows, District Court. (3).

Editors—Parvin, Sanford, Hartsock, Guilbert, Scott. (5).

Bankers—Benton, Phelps. (2).

Merchants—McCleary, McCord, Hogin, Peck, Waters, Allen, Rothert. (7).

Manufacturers—Abbott, Blackmar. (2).

Railroad—Chapman. (1).

Farmers—Humphreys, Scott, McClenahan. (3).

Tradesmen—Hogin, shoemaker; Luse, carpenter, Allen, printer. (3).

EDUCATION.

Collegiate—Parvin, Cotton, Benton, Peck, Scott; Wilson, Van Saun, Blackmar, Gamble, Phelps.

Academical—Humphreys, Sanford, Guilbert, Mickel, Waters, Abbott, Granger, Fellows.
Common School—Cock, McCleary, McCord, Hogin, Chapman, Allen. (6).
Authors—Parvin, Benton, Scott. (3).
Writers and Speakers—Humphreys, Parvin, Sanford, Benton, Guilbert, Peck, Mickel, Scott, Rothert, Luse, Wilson, McClenahan, Van Saun, Granger, Blackmar, Gamble, Phelps, Fellows. (18).

MASONIC STANDING.

R. A. Masons—Cock, McCleary, Humphreys, McCord. (4).
Knights Templar—Parvin, Hogin, Cotton, Sanford, Hartsock, Benton, Guilbert, Peck, Mickel, Scott, Waters, Chapman, Rothert, Luse, Wilson, Abbott, McClenahan, Van Saun, Granger, Allen, Blackmar, Gamble, Phelps, Ball. (24).
A. & A. Rite—Parvin, Guilbert, Peck, Scott, Waters, Chapman, Luse, Granger, Allen. (9).
State Officers—McCleary, Sec. State; Parvin, Reg. Land Office; Renton, Supt. Public Instruction; Scott, Lieut. Gov.; Granger, Chief Justice.
Senators—Sanford, Hogin, Benton, Scott, Rothert, Fellows. (6).
Representatives—McCleary, Van Saun, Gamble.
Member of Congress—Cotton.
Soldiers—Humphreys, Gen'l. Conn., Militia; Guilbert, Capt Hundred Day Parade service.
The following were in many a well fought battle: McCord, Col.; Benton, Gen'l; Peck, Capt.; Scott, Col.; Wilson, Adjt.; McClenahan, Capt.; Granger, Capt.; Blackmar, Major; Gamble, Lieut. (9).

REMOVED FROM THE STATE.

Cotton, Cal., 1883; Mickel, Washington, 1886; Chapman, Ohio, 1880; Abbott, Ill., 1890. (4).

CITIES AND TOWNS AND GRAND MASTERS.

Burlington—Furnished three Grand Masters, Cock, McCord and Blackmar.
Muscatine—Three, Humphreys, Parvin and Waters.
Dubuque—Three, Guilbert, Chapman and Allen.
Iowa City—Three, Hartsock, Luse and Ball.
Wapello—One, McCleary.
Keokuk—Three, Sanford, Peck and Rothert.
And thirteen other towns and cities one each.

DECEASED.

Cock, 1861; McCleary, 1873; Humphreys, 1873; McCord, 1862; Hogin, 1876; Sanford, 1856; Hartsock, 1894; Benton, 1879; Peck, 1879; Mickel, in Oregon, 1886; Waters, 1888; and Wilson, 1887. (11)

VETERANS OF THE LIVING GRAND MASTERS.

Parvin, 56 years a Mason; Cotton, 43 years; Guilbert, 43 years; Scott, 45 years; Chapman, 38 years, Rothert, 36 years; Luse, 36 years; Abbott, 38 years; McClenahan, 40 years; Van Saun, 37 years; Granger 34 years; Allen, 39 years; Blackmar, 38 years; Gamble, 34 years. (15).
Fifteen ranging from 34 to 56 years, averaging 40 years of service to the craft.

The handsome young man in epaulets on the cover of the October *Midland Monthly* (Des Moines, Iowa), is none other than Grant at the age of 22. The first installment of Col. John W. Emerson's "Grant's Life in the West," removes all questions as to the ability of the author to interest and as to his personal knowledge of the character and career of the greatest soldier in history. This is a work one should read from the start.

Miss Alice Monk, recently returned from New Zealand, writes entertainingly of the Maoris, the ex-cannibals of that island.

The "Christian Communism," practiced at the famous Amana Colony in Iowa, is described by Barthinias Wick, author of "The Icarian Community."

"In the Footsteps of Bryant" and a Maumee Valley sketch, also a Group of Women Writers in Michigan, complete the illustrated articles.

Frank Calkins' description of a wolf hunt is a splendid piece of realistic writing. "The Graveyard at Dorn," by a new writer, is a pleasing story of the Mississippi valley in old times. "A Widower's Wooing," by the author of "Piety Corners," is a love story with a humorous turn. The October number is strong all around.

HISTORY OF THE CRUSADES.

FOR SALE—We have had sent to our office a set of the History of the Crusades, by Michaud, and illustrated by Dore, in two magnificent volumes, finely bound and costing, originally, fifty dollars, can be had for much less. Address the Editor, Marion, Iowa.

English Masonic benevolence is wonderful. In 1895 the receipts were as follows: Royal Masonic Institution For Boys, $113,480; Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, $108,600; Royal Masonic Institution For Girls, $91,055; total for all, $313,140. The board of benevolence relieved 378 cases and thus expended $43,725. In the last seven years the three institutions received $2,219,530.

Winipiscogee lodge of Alton, N. H., recently dedicated a fine new Masonic hall.

FREEMASONRY, A SILENT FORCE IN THE BUILDING OF THE STATE.

There was another force, silent it is true, but none the less effective, working in its way in the building of the state, of whose labors little is known by the general public and yet its effects have been telling and lasting upon the work and the progress which the state has made in later years. I allude to the fraternity of Ancient Freemasons, the oldest of all secret societies in the world and the first to make a claim in our new and virgin territory. They will be conspicuously absent on "Secret Society Day" of this semi-centennial celebration, only for the reason that the laws of the society forbid its lodge to appear in public, except upon strictly Masonic occasons. The members are present in large numbers and the heart of the association or society goes out in thankfulness for what has been accomplished and in prayer for the future success of our noble state.

The grand lodge of Masons was organized and doing efficient work three years before Iowa became a state. The grand lodge of Odd Fellows not until two years after Iowa's admission to the union. All the other secret societies that may take part on the day set apart for such organizations were of very much later date, none of them indeed, had an existence in Iowa until some two decades after the adoption of the present constitution, or quarter of a century after the state was builded, in which they took no part.

The Masons and they alone have permeated all and every rank and position in society, governors, judges, legislators, congressmen, senators, foreign ministers, all of the learned professions and the bone and sinew of the state life, the agriculturists—among all of whom the Masons have been most efficient and distinguished workers.—*Dr. Parvin at Burlington.*

FRATERNITY DAY AT THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

On Wednesday, Oct 7, the Semi-Centennial celebration at Burlington, Iowa, gave the forenoon, and until 3 p. m,, to the fraternities, of Iowa, which might choose to participate. We are well informed that every attention and the place of honor, because of its historical right to be there, was offered to the Masonic Bodies if they wished to participate. The question of the Commandery at Burlington acting as a mounted escort, was submitted to the Commander. The Grand Commander and the Grand Master and those in authority, had in accordance with the law, to decide that the Templars could not turn out. Masonry is therefore not prominent in the lines that throng the streets of Burlington at 9:30 a. m. to-day. Some twenty different Orders were represented, with about 3500 men in line. At the Colliseum the crowd within and without exceeded anything during the *entire* celebration. The Honorable Mayor presented an address of welcome. Brother R. L. Tilton, Grand Master Workman, of the A. O. U. W., and a member of various orders, delivered an able address. The editor followed. The exercises concluded at 3 p. m., and by those who know, was set down a success.

The official proceedings of the Grand Council of Missouri, R. & S. M. for 1896, have reached us, thanks to Ill. Bro. Wm. H. Mayo, Grand Recorder.

Rabbi Pereira Mendes has been appointed by the Grand Master of Freemasons in the state of New York to the office of Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge. He is the first Israelite who has received this honor since the institution of the Grand Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity, over a hundred years ago, says the "American Hebrew." Right Rev. Bishop Potter, of New York, is the associate of the Rabbi.

THE LODGES.

GRAND LODGES MEET.

Iowa, Oskaloosa, June 1, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

GEO. W. BALL.....GRAND MASTER
Iowa City.
Thos. Lambert.....Senior Grand Warden
Sabula.
Chas. Clapp Clark.....Junior Grand Warden
Burlington.
Jerome Merrill Woodworth.....Grand Treasurer
Marshalltown.
Thodore Sutton Parvin.....Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.

APPOINTED.

W. L. Eaton.....Deputy Grand Master
Osage
Newton R. Parvin.....Deputy Grand Secretary
Cedar Rapids.
Rev. P. V. D. Vedder.....Grand Chaplain
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Crawford.
W. B. Davis.....Junior Grand Deacon
Lewis.
Wm. Lamb.....Grand Marshall
Northwood.
C. A. Hough.....Senior Grand Steward
Red Oak.
J. J. Thompson.....Junior Grand Steward
Beacon.
Theodore Schreiner.....Grand Tyler
Mt. Pleasant.

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W. P. Allen, (1901) Dubuque.

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Crom Bowen.....Des Moines
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We aim to keep standing the regular appointments of the Grand Custodian, Brother Geo. B. Van Saun, and we shall have his corrections each month.

CUSTODIAN'S SCHOOLS.

CEDAR FALLS, Ia., Oct. 5, 1896.

Dear Brother Geiger:

The autumn winds are coming, and this poor, weary pilgrim will have to take up his grip and continue his wanderings among the craft of our jurisdiction, endeavoring to diffuse light and instruction as his ability will permit.

After the November election, the work will be pushed along with renewed vigor to make up for the want of calls for October. Up to the present date, I have nearly double the calls on my list that I had at the same date last year, but on account of the political campaign now pending, but few if any calls are made for this month.

Since the session of Grand Lodge, I have visited Seymour, Nora Springs, Buffalo Center and Armstrong. My itinerary for the future will be as follows, so far as made out, viz:

Adair—October 19th and 20th.
Exira—Oct. 21st, 22d, and 23d.
Oakland—Oct. 24th.
Estherville—Nov. 11th and 12th.
Ocheyedan—Nov. 13th and 14th.
Spirit Lake—Nov. 16th, 17th and 18th.
Hillsboro—Nov. 23d, 24th and 25th.
Fairfield—Nov. 26th, 27th and 28th.
Milton—Nov. 30th, Dec. 1st and 2d.
Anita—Dec. 10th, 11th and 12th.

Invitations received and not yet placed as to time are as follows: Alton, Zearing, Spring Hill, Clarinda, Elgin, Odebolt, Lime Springs, Humeston, Le Grand, Paullina, Wall Lake, Pringhar, Dallas Center, Hedrick, Lake Mills, Strawberry Point, Farragut, and Iowa City.

My object and aim will be to reach the above named places as rapidly as I can, trusting that health and strength may be granted me, so that I may perform my duties wisely and well, for I do know that the spirit is strong even if the flesh is weak.

Yours fraternally,

GEO. B. VAN SAUN,
Visiting Custodian.

PERPETUAL JURISDICTION.

It has pleased the "*Trestle Board*" to publish from the report of Brother J. H. Drummond, an article made up of statements on the above subject, that, so far as Iowa is concerned, cannot be allowed to go as the facts in the case. That all who care to know what the law of Iowa is we hereto add the items in full:

ARTICLE XV.—(Constitution).

Of Rejected Candidates. No applicant for the degrees of Masonry who has been rejected, shall, *while residing in the jurisdiction of such lodge*, be initiated into any lodge other than the one which rejected him, unless such lodge recommend him to another lodge by a unanimous vote—the vote to be taken by secret ballot, after notice thereof given at a previous stated communication; *provided*, that this section shall have no application as between lodges having concurrent jurisdiction, after six months from the date of rejection.

SEC. 144.—(Code)—*Perpetual Jurisdiction.* This Grand Jurisdiction does not recognize the doctrine that a subordinate lodge, *either within or without* this Grand Jurisdiction, has perpetual jurisdiction in a case where a profane has petitioned for the degrees therein. The only limitation on his right to again petition is that after he has been rejected he shall not again petition a lodge therefor within six months of the date from rejection. Subject to such limitations he may petition without authority or consent from any lodge, *provided always*, that it is after such timely residence as is provided by law.

WILL DO FOR IOWA.

OBLIGATIONS OF LODGES.

The contention of the *Trestle Board* that the lodges of Kentucky are indebted to the California Relief Board in a considerable sum, is not based upon any Masonic law known in this jurisdiction. Lodges as organizations do not contract to take care of their members in poverty and distress. The individual Masons do agree to extend relief subject to exceptions which reason suggests and which are well known to our Masonic readers. Masonic relief is an individual and not a lodge duty. The opposite view was pressed upon the Masonic Congress at Chicago with great earnestness and force, but it was rejected. We do not quote this as authority, but it shows that the majority of the jurisdictions there represented do not take the view advocated by the *Trestle Board*. The latter insists that the lodge of the person relieved is bound to pay the full amount, if able; and, if it is not able, the Grand Lodge is bound to pay for its subordinate. This makes Masonry a corporate relief association, which it has never claimed to be. Lodges generally do not charge fees and dues sufficient to carry out such an idea. Individuals give a good deal for relief and so do lodges, but the latter give it as charity and not in payment of any debt to its members.

When lodges are in a position to reimburse others for necessary expenditures made for the relief of their members, it is a graceful and proper thing for them to do so, but it is not a debt in a legal or Masonic sense, unless the lodge has expressly authorized the expenditure. In that case, indeed, it is a debt, and should be paid. But we venture to guess that the "debt" of which the *Trestle Board* speaks was not contracted in that way by Kentucky lodges—certainly not all of it.—*Home Journal.*

There is a tradition among Freemasons that the site upon which the temple of Solomon was built was owned in common by two brothers, one of whom had a family, the other none. On the night after harvest the elder brother said to his wife: "My younger brother is unable to bear the heat and burden of the day. I will arise, take some of my shocks and place them without his knowledge among his shocks." The younger brother, being actuated by similar motives, said within himself: "My brother has a family, and I have none. I will contribute to their support. I will take of my shocks and place them with his without his knowledge." Great was the astonishment of both when on the following morning they found their shocks undimished. This happened several nights in succession, when each resolved to stand guard and solve the mystery. They did so, and on the following night the two brothers met half way between their respective shocks with arms full of golden grain.—*Rough Ashlar.*

Over in New York they have Masonic "conventions," at which the work of the degrees is exemplified, as our Iowa schools do, but they have the additional help of a series of addresses on Masonic topics, which to our mind is as important as any other department, among the Masonic workmen.

COMMANDERIES.

CONCLAVES.

Iowa Grand Templar Park, July 12, 1897.
Grand Encampment, Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 1898.

SEVENTH DISTRICT (Grand Encampment) Iowa, Missouri and Ohio—Sir Knight Geo. M. Moulton, V. E., Grand Captain General, Chicago, Ill., Representative.

GRAND OFFICERS.

T. R. Ercanbrack ..... GRAND COMMANDER
Anamosa.
F. H. Loring ..... Deputy Grand Commander
Oskaloosa.
Geo. W. Bever ..... Grand Generalissimo
Cedar Rapids.
J. H. Pettibone ..... Grand Captain General
Burlington.
John W. Geiger ..... Grand Prelate
Marion.
D. M. Brownlee ..... Grand Senior Warden
Sioux City.
Alex. Peddie ..... Grand Junior Warden
Emmettsburg.
E. B. Shaw ..... Grand Treasurer
West Union.
Alf. Wingate ..... Grand Recorder
Des Moines.
L. T. Hawk ..... Grand Standard Bearer
Dubuque.
W. H. Hart ..... Grand Sword Bearer
Sac City.
Wm. Weldon ..... Grand Warder
Iowa Falls.
Theodore Shreiner ..... Grand Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

A MISSING TEMPLAR.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Sept. 26, 1896.

Our Junior Warden is missing. Sir Knight E. D. Blackwell, of Montpelier, missing since Sept. 9. Was last seen on the streets of Boston. Friends and police have made a thorough search, but no clue is found. It is feared he is insane.

Edward D. Blackwell, of this city, has disappeared and nothing regarding his whereabouts has been learned since the evening of Sept. 9.

Mr. Blackwell was for some years cashier of the Montpelier National Bank, and later was connected with the Thompson-Houston Company, manufacturers of electrical supplies. He is 44 years of age, 5 feet 8½ inches tall, and weighs 130 pounds: has a long face, prominent cheek bones and sharp features; is inclined to be pale: is very erect and somewhat thin and spare: has brown hair, dark blue eyes, brown mustache and chin whiskers.

When last seen he wore clothes of a fine gray mixture, with a sack coat, a light weight overcoat of a little darker material than his suit, tan colored shoes, standing collar. His only jewelry was a square seal ring on the third finger of the left hand, green seal cuff buttons, and a gold hunting case watch with a white face. In the back case of the watch there was a fire alarm card of Montpelier, Vt. He wore gold bowed eye glasses, and on his vest was a hook on which to hang them. One of his upper teeth is built up with gold, and is conspicuous. His insurance policy says that his chest measure is 30½ inches, and his waist measure 30 inches.

Courteously and fraternally,

CHAS. H. HEATON, Recorder.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

CONVOCATIONS.

General Grand (U. S.) Baltimore, Md., Oct. 12, 1897.
Iowa Grand, Templar Park, July 21, 1897.

GRAND OFFICERS.

ELECTED.

MAX. BEEHLER ..... GRAND HIGH PRIEST
Manchester.
W. D. Irvine ..... Deputy Grand High Priest
Sioux City.
W. F. Cleveland ..... Grand King
Harlan.
B. F. Parker ..... Grand Scribe
Dubuque
R. F. B. Portman ..... Grand Treasurer
Decorah.
Alf. Wingate ..... Grand Secretary
Des Moines.

APPOINTED.

JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER ..... GRAND CHAPLAIN
Marion.
N. B. Hyatt ..... Grand Captain of the Host.
Webster City.
L. H. Wallace ..... Grand Principal Sojourner.
Washington.
Lafayette M. Matthews ..... Grand Royal Arch Captain
Greeley.
I. P. Wilson ..... Grand Master of the Third Vail
Burlington.
W. F. Laraway ..... Grand Master of the Second Vail
Glenwood.
W. M. Frantz ..... Grand Master of the First Vail
Le Mars.
Theodore Schreiner ..... Grand Guard
Mt. Pleasant.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., recently held at Marshalltown will be found on the first page of this issue of the FREEMASON AND THE FEZ.

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OUR FIRST BOOK SALE.

For the information of those who are concerned we wish to announce that the First Great Masonic Book Sale is over. True, not one bid came in, not one inquiry reached us in time to be considered a disposition to bid on the list we offered, and yet it was a success. We happily have no expenses not already paid, and we have a nice little bit of experience laid up for the future. Now anybody who wants to buy anything on that list, can find out by writing to us fully describing the items.

WINGATE-WARREN.

We are in receipt of invitations to attend the wedding, at the home of our friends, Sir. Alf. Wingate and lady, of their daughter, Miss Florence Adele, to Mr. Luther Warren, on Septemer thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six. The best wishes of a host of friends go with the young voyagers.

YE ANCIENT SOCIETY.

We certainly regret that the meeting of our Grand Chapter O. E. S. on the 28th of this month prevents our accepting the courteous invitation of that most eminent and venerable chief, General John Corson Smith, to attend the eleventh annual assembly of the Veteran Freemason's Ancient Society, to be held at Smith's Inn, 65, Sibley Road, Chicago. The light of our harem regrets equally her inability to accept the invitation of Dame Smith.

MARK THE FELLOW.

The fraternity needs to be on its guard against the designing fellow who is in the several bodies for what it will afford for him. His demeanor is easily a guide to his great conceit of his own powers. Nothing is a success, if he is not at the head of it. He is always showing others how it ought to done. Put him in office and it is next to impossible to live with him, so full of censorious gall that his entire time is used in scolding and bossing the members around. You cannot kill him off either, for he is as thick-skinned as the elephant, and as obtuse as a point in the roads. See him get his hands onto a petty case of decipline, he is the reformer now, no thought of his own shortcoming, though they are many, he now pursues the erring brother as if his mission were to destroy, instead of find out the right.

KEEP THE BALLOT.

The "*Trestle Board*," favors the abolition of the petition, and the substitution of invitations therefore, to membership, from the Profane. Not only would the proposed plan afford the desired relief, but would at once open up a way of entrance for the favored few of a certain set. We have an experience on the same line and we want no more "agreements to gag the ballot." Yet there is a good bit of room for improvement in the matter of membership getting among Masonic bodies.

THE EASTERN STAR.

GRAND BODIES MEET:
Iowa Grand Chapter, Clinton, Oct. 28, 1896.

GRAND OFFICERS.

MRS. JENNIE RULE.....GRAND MATRON
Mason City.
E. B. DYKE.....GRAND PATRON
Charles City.
Mrs. M. B. Rathbun.....Associate Matron
Clinton.
Jno. W. Geiger.....Associate Patron
Marion.
Maria Jackson.....Grand Secretary
Council Bluffs.
Mrs. E. L. Houghton.....Grand Treasurer
Red Oak.
Mrs. Delia Meredith.....Grand Conductress
Newton.
Mrs. Adamson.....Associate Grand Conductress
Le Mars.

APPOINTED.

MRS. BADER.....GRAND CHAPLAIN
Clinton.
Mrs. Luella Usry.....Adah
Des Moines
Mrs. G. F. Claycomb.....Ruth
Farragut.
Miss Nellie Harris.....Esther
New Hampton.
Mrs. Alice Randall.....Martha
Algona.
Mrs. Stone.....Electa
Columbia.
Mrs. Kate D. Allin.....Warder
Iowa City.
Theodore Shreiner.....Sentinel
Mt. Pleasant.

CHAPTER OF SORROW.

Last Tuesday evening Lyra Chapter, O. E. S., met in annual meeting as a Chapter of Sorrow. Those present were the members of the Order and a few invited guests. The Worthy Patron, John Watterson, called to order and the following officers marched in to solemn music and took their respective places:

Worthy Matron—Miss Viola Oren.
A. M.—Mrs. Mary E. Young.
Conductress—Mrs. Alice Pickerill.
A. C.—Mrs. Emma Johnson.
Treasurer—B. S. Stanton.
Secretary—Miss Nellie Stanton.
Adah—Mrs. Flora Camp.
Ruth—Mrs. Nannie Young.
Esther—Mrs. May Narbor.
Martha—Mrs. Cora Heath.
Electa—Mrs. Mary McQuilkin.
Chaplain—Mrs. Mattie Babcock.
Warder—Mrs. Ora Brust.

The following program was given, interspersed with music by a choir consisting of Mrs. Jane Johnson, Mrs. Mate Wagoner, Miss Anna Camp, Miss Ida Babcock, Mrs. Eda Evarts and John Chapple, with Mrs. L. M. Chapple as accompanist.

Reading of the Memorial Scroll by Secretary.

Eulogy of John S. Eberhart, by Wm. Chapple.

Select Reading, Mrs. Mary Hurd.

Eulogy of Mrs. Susan C. Watterson, by Mrs. Mary Young.

Eulogy of Mrs. Emma Lizer, by Mrs. C. A. Reed.

Solo, entitled, "Remember or Forget," Mrs. Eda Evarts.

Reading of poem by Mrs. Lydia Hunt.

Song by choir, "Memories of Gethsemene."

The closing ceremony was the important feature of the evening, the filling of the Memorial Star in memory of the departed members of Lyra Chapter. The hall was beautifully draped for the occasion. Pictures of the deceased members placed on easels, were draped in black. These most impressive ceremonies closed by all joining in the closing hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light."
—*Progress Review.*

NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND CHAPTER STATE OF IOWA, TO BE HELD IN MASONIC HALL, CLINTON, OCT. 27, 28, 29, 1896.
OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2 p. m.

Opening of School of Instruction by Grand Officers, with exemplification of the work.

Oct. 27, 8 p. m.

Reception by Clinton Chapter, No. 65, to the Grand Officers, delegates and members of the O. E. S.

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10 a. m.

Opening of the Grand Chapter in form.
Address of Welcome by the Worthy Matron of Clinton, Chapter No. 65.
Response by Rev. J. W. Geiger, Asst. G. P.

Address of Grand Matron.
Address of Grand Patron.
Regular Order of Business.

Oct. 28, 2 p. m.

Memorial Address by Grand Chaplain.
Report of Grand Secretary.
Report of Grand Treasurer.
Reports of Committees.

Oct. 28, 7:30 p. m.

Exemplification of Work, and Rendering of Floral Work by Clinton Chapter No. 65.

Thursday, Oct. 29, 9 a. m.

Regular Order of Business.
Election of Officers.

Oct. 29, 2 p. m.

Unfinished Business.
Mite Boxes.
Remarks for Good of the Order.
Installation of officers.
Closing in Form.

Farewells.

The Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Iowa, extends fraternal greetings, and cordially invites you to attend its Nineteenth Annual Session, convening in Masonic Hall, Clinton, October 27, 28, 29, 1896.

MRS. JENNIE A. RULE,
Worthy Grand Matron.

E. B. DYKE,
Worthy Grand Patron.
MRS. MARIA JACKSON, Grand Secretary.

EASTERN STAR AND MASONRY.

An article quoted from the *Eastern Star* in the *Trestle Board* for September, handles the question of the Order being excluded from Masonic halls, with bare hands, and it's not a hair pulling either, but sober truth. We believe in that fairness which Masonry professes to show to the humblest and the highest of its votaries. We belong to the Shrine, and as yet we have not felt ashamed of it: but were we to find ourselves in a place where the one was allowed to hold its meetings and the other excluded, we should feel that it was an outrage upon the gentlewomen who are as closely allied to the Masonic fraternity as it is possible to attach them to intradict their meeting in the Temple, in any chamber in it. We quote one suggestive paragraph: "Throw open the doors of your lodge room and bid her enter. You have nothing there that she cannot as well look upon as you, except your dirty floors and tobacco-stained walls, and she will cleanse them for you and purify the atmosphere. Spend a couple of dollars a year in an endeavor to teach your wife and daughter something useful, and less for 'Texas six shooters.'" (Great guns! where did she find that out?) Get out of that gang of "good fellows" in the Shrine, who make night hideous with their orgies, (well, why don't somebody take them guns from 'em?) and invest the money you spend that way in a useful manner." Too often the condition of the lodge room inhabited only by the lordly men, would shame the good sisters, and we do not wonder that they resent the unkindness of slamming the door in their faces.

GRAND CHAPTER CLUB RATES.

GET TWO PAPERS FOR THE PRICE OF ONE,

Or nearly so, by looking this matter up at once.

We have made arrangements with Mrs. Nettie Ransford, editor of *The Eastern Star*, whereby we offer both that journal and ours for $1.50 per year. We do this in the hope that at our coming Grand Chapter, the lists of both of these worthy candidates for favor will be greatly increased. These rates apply to renewals of old, as well as new subscriptions. Subscriptions may be sent or handed to either Mrs. Ransford, or to the editor of this magazine.

Almost unanimously the Masonic papers and magazines oppose all use of keys and ciphers.

THE MYSTIC SHRINE.

TRIBAL GATHERINGS.

Imperial Council, Detroit, Mich. June 8 and 9, 1897.
El-Kahir, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (Annual) second Wednesday in December, 1896.
Kaaba. Davenport, Iowa, (Annual), first Tuesday in December, 1896.

TO THE NOBILITY.

For two years we have striven to keep up this department in the hope that it might grow to be of value enough to warrant the enlargement of the Magazine so as to give some twenty pages of general Shrine news and some articles from the able contributors among our Nobles. Some have taken our effort kindly, some indifferently, some with sarcasm. Now, we come to you wherever you may be and ask you to help us. 1 By subscribing for it. 2 By showing it to your friends.

RECORDERS are on our exchange list and will receive your subscriptions.

Yours Faithfully,
JOHN WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

OFFICERS FOR 1896-7.

ELECTIVE.

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Denver, Colo.
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Kansas City, Mo.
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Leavenworth, Kan.
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Grand Rapids, Mich.
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Omaha, Neb.
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Hamilton, Ohio.
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Providence, R. I.
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Dallas, Tex.
George F. White..... Imperial Outer Guard
Davenport, Iowa.

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2 Sam Briggs, Cleveland, Ohio.
3 William B. Melish, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4 Thomas J. Hudson, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
5 Chas. L. Field, San Francisco, Cal.

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1 Albert Rawson, New York.
2 Charles W. Torey, New York.
3 George O. Tyler, Burlington, Vermont.
4 Charles T. McClenachan, New York.

PERSIAN SOCIALISTS.

IMPRISONMENT, TORTURE AND DEATH ITSELF DO NOT APPALL THE BAABI.

As to the real tenets of the baabis, opinions differ, says the *Fortnightly Review*. They are socialists and undoubtedly adopt the system of community of property, while the orthodox Persians persistently assert that they practice polyandry, and the strange ceremonies of the Cheragh Karmush observed among the Yezeedis, or devil worshipers, of Karrind, a district near Kermanshah; be this as it may, it is quite certain that each Baabi looks upon himself as an incarnation of God and reverences of baab, i. e., Sayud Mahommed Ali, as the prophet of God and the veritable incarnation of the Deity Himself. Unfortunately for the secretaries of the baab, there is a very simple means of recognizing them. A man being suspected of baabism is requested to curse the baab; if he be a baabi he invariably refuses to do this, though he knows full well that the refusal will assuredly cost him his life. Imprisonment, torture, death itself fail to shake the steadfast believers in the mission of the baab.

The writer saw a baabi led to prison in 1880; the man was a priest (mollah) who had been denounced by his wife. He was an old man and, though he was imprisoned and severely bastinadoed and offered life if he would curse the baab, yet he refused. When led to execution and entreated to curse the baab he replied:

"Curses on you, your prince (the zil-essul-tan, then governor of Ispahan), your king and all oppressors. I welcome death and long for it, for I shall instantly reappear on this earth and enjoy the delights of paradise."

When he ceased speaking the executioner advanced and slew him.

AMONG THE TEMPLES.

This month brings an unusually large number of notices of meetings in various parts of the Imperial Domain. Since our last, notices are in for the following varied events: Hella, Dallas, Tex., Sept. 17; Mecca Base Ball Team, N. Y., played a return game with Kismet, of Brooklyn, Sept. 19; The "Almas Shouter" announces the Imperial Potentate's clan, to gather on Sep. 21; Acca, of Richmond, Va., met on Sept. 24; Medinah, Chicago, on the 25th: El-Riad, Sioux Falls, on the 26th; Boumi, Baltimore, Md., on the 29th; and Mt. Sinai, of Montpelier, Vt., announces by the M. S. Telegraph, that they would go to White River Junction, on the 30th. The October list is also pretty full, El-Jebel presents "The Novice's Dream" for Oct. 5: Lu Lu stirred things up on the 7th: Little India, of Oklahoma, tackled the "sooners" on the 8th; Al-Koran, Cleveland, announces for the same date.

We acknowledge the receipt of some entertaining literature from our friend, the Illustrious Potentate of Al-Koran, our appreciation of the poem is almost overcome by the pitty we feel for poor Sam, that "we, alas, have no clergymen numbered among our membership" We have both a written and a printed invitation of Moila, of St. Jo, to attend the "First Vigil" of the Daughters of Isis, on the 14th. We regret the necessary absence, and congratulate Moila on the notice they give to their ladies. Rajah, vel! yust gook a mohl doh? Puck is not in it any more, for the notice of this Temple, for the 14th, is "Puck and Judge and Up to Date" all in one. Islam, San Francisco, opened the Golden Gate on the 14th: Sphinx, of Hartford, Conn., one of the youngest of the family, announces a meeting on the 15th, and Zem Zem, of Erie, Pa., goes to Bradford on the 22d. They are on deck ahead of all others for the Detroit trip, having gotten out their full circular, announcing the plan, price, and hotel where they will stop. Aleppo, Boston, celebrates on Nov. 5th.

LOCAL TESTS.

Nothing is more calculated to limit the universality of Masonry and render a stranger more uncomfortable than the application of local tests. These are no less pernicious than useless. Pernicious because what was at first adopted for temporary convenience becomes in the next generation incorporated into the permanent work; and useless, because the ancient test is abundantly sufficient to protect the fraternity against imposters and expelled Masons. The localities in which these modern tests principally flourish are inland points, which foreign brethren are not likely to visit. —*The Mystic Tie.*

MRS. CHARLES E. FINK.

By the "*Democrat*" of Grand Rapids, dated Sept. 16, last, we were informed of the sudden and unexpected death of the wife of our genial Brother and Noble, Charles E. Fink, on the day before. We but voice the sentiments of the thousands who know the gentlemanly and congenial Recorder of Saladin Temple when we offer our heartfelt sympathy, and our earnest prayers for divine guidance to him in this dark hour in his life.

EL-KAHIR'S MARSHALLTOWN TRIP

On November 24, the camels of our goodly Temple will come forth groomed to slickness for the trip to the Oasis of Marshalltown, where a large class of novices await the pleasure of our Potentate.

EL-KAHIR'S ANNUAL.

The Annual Meeting of El-Kahir Temple will be held in the Masonic Temple, Cedar Rapids, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1896.

Our Missouri neighbors are putting $25,000 worth of improvements on their Masonic Home. The corner-stone of the $60,000 Home at Decota, Cal., will be laid Oct. 1.

EL-KAHIR TEMPLE.

As this Journal now reaches every Recorder in America each month, and goes into the hands of a large number of Nobles regularly, we have decided to use this column for such official announcements as may be deemed necessary from time to time.

JNO. W. GEIGER, Recorder.

MISSING NOBLES.

Somewhere amid the sandy wastes of the desert, the following members of El-Kahir have been lost. Recorders of Temples will confer a favor if they will notify us whenever one turns up among his flock.

The names of Nobles are placed on this list when mail addressed from this office is returned as uncalled for or undelivered. This is not a posting list of delinquents, but a request for information about missing Nobles of this Temple. Our own Nobles can aid us by giving information about either of the following:

NAMES.	LAST POST-OFFICE.
Herbert L. Sill,	Chicago, Ill.
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A. F. Graham,	Mason City, Iowa.
Edw. N. Pickering,	Boston, Mass.
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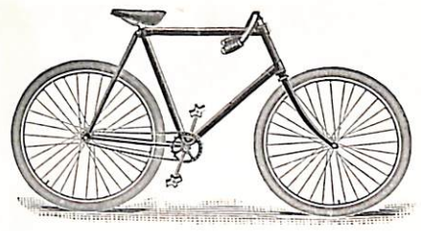

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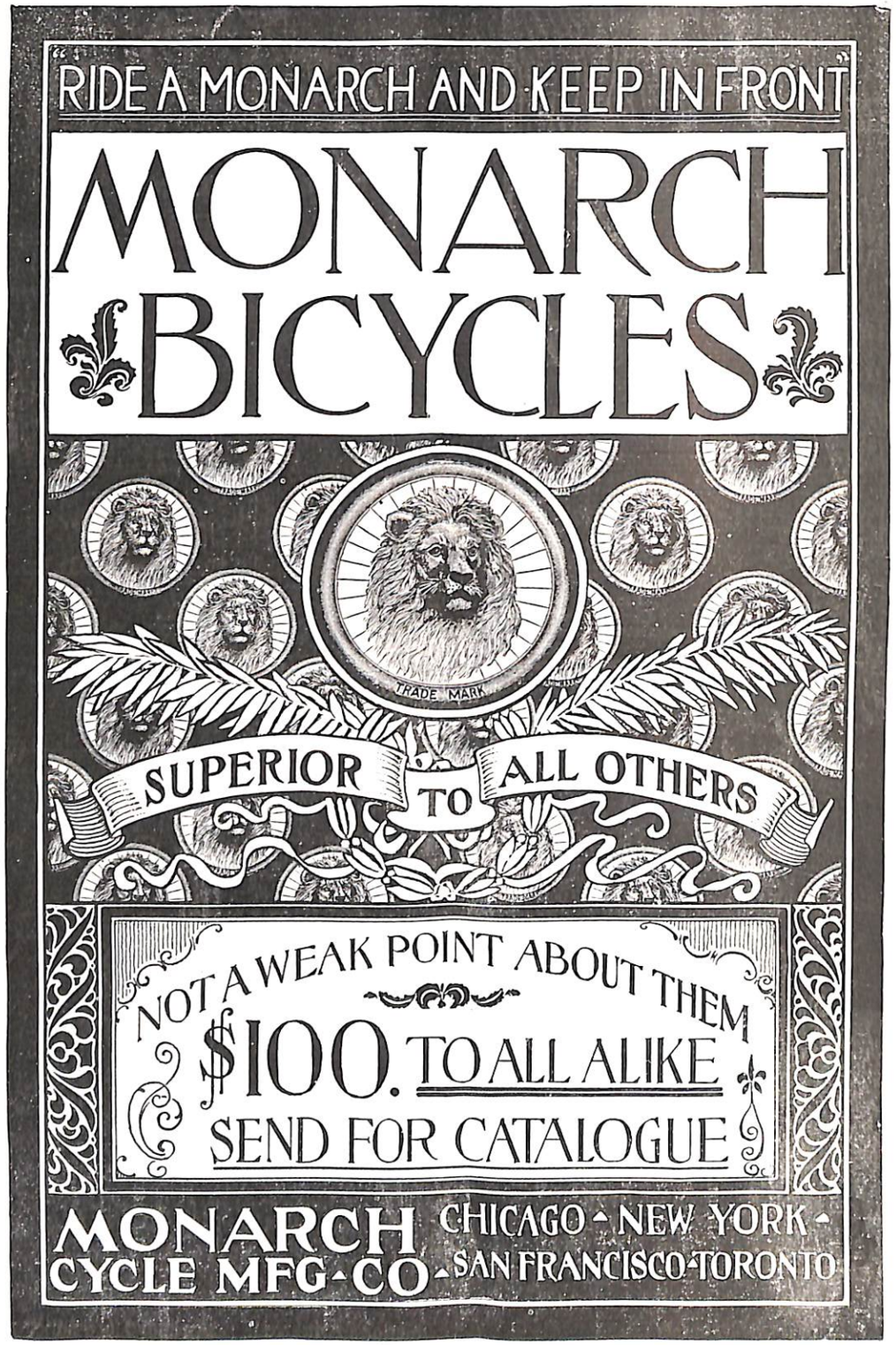
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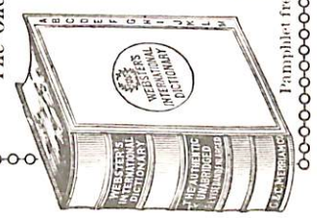

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